

## ***Transportation Fact Sheet***

Motor carriers operating in Washington are generally subject to regulation by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) and required by obtain a UTC permit. Some types of carriers do not require a permit and certain operations are not regulated by the UTC. Examples of regulated and non-regulated carriers are listed below.

### **UTC regulates intrastate carriers providing services for compensation in the following industries:**

- Motor Carriers of Property
- Household Goods Movers
- Freight Brokers
- Garbage and Recycling Companies
- Passenger Bus Companies
- Passenger and Freight Ferry Boat Companies

### **UTC does not require permits for the following carriers:**

- Government owned and operated vehicles
- Farmers hauling crops for a nearby farmer during harvest season
- Water haulers for construction projects
- US mail carriers
- Tow trucks removing disabled cars from the highway
- Public transit and school buses
- Taxicabs
- Garbage or recycling service under a city contract
- Private carrier operations

Motor carrier operations are subject to many regulations. Other requirements such as vehicle licensing, special fuel permits, business licensing and taxes are separate from the UTC permit. A list of other agencies you may need to contact is provided on pages 2 and 3 of this fact sheet.

Motor carrier operations are divided into two groups – interstate and intrastate.

- Interstate motor carriers provide transportation service between states and are regulated by the federal government. This includes transporting containers from a port or rail facility to a location within the state where it is then intended to transport out of the state.
- Intrastate motor carriers provide transportation service within the state of Washington, from origin to destination, and are regulated by the UTC.

***The UTC can provide forms, information and assistance Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also visit our website at [www.wutc.wa.gov](http://www.wutc.wa.gov). For assistance on the following subjects, please call the numbers listed below:***

Request for registration or application forms voicemail message box	(360) 664-1269
Applications and registrations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interstate registrations</li> <li>• Intrastate registrations</li> <li>• Insurance questions</li> <li>• Operating authority questions</li> </ul>	(360) 664-1222
Tariff filings	(360) 664-1298
Policy questions and permit interpretations	(360) 664-1242
Safety issues, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle safety inspections</li> <li>• Company safety audits</li> <li>• Unsafe driver or vehicle operations</li> <li>• Illegal carriers or operations</li> </ul>	(360) 664-1244
Consumer complaints	(360) 664-1120 or 1-800-562-6150

## OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCY CONTACTS

Washington State		
<b>Department of Licensing</b> Telephone Number: (360) 902-3600 Website: <a href="http://www.dol.wa.gov">www.dol.wa.gov</a>		
Master License Services	(360) 664-1400	Master Business Licenses; Limousines; Taxis; Transporters; Tow Trucks; Unified Business Identifier (UBI numbers)
Pro Rate & Fuel Tax Services	(360) 664-1868	International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)
	(360) 664-1838	Fuel Tax Exempt Service; Fuel Bonds; Fuel Permits
	(360) 664-1858	International Registration Program (IRP); Prorate; Reciprocity
Driver & Vehicle Services	(360) 902-3619	Commercial Driver License (CDL) Program; Driver Medical Waivers (Intrastate) Medical Certificates & Exam Forms
	(360) 902-3770	Vehicle Licenses; Registrations, Titles; Ride-Sharing Plates; Transporter Plates; Trip Permits (vehicle only)

<b>Department of Transportation</b> Telephone Number: (360) 705-7000 Website: <a href="http://www.wsdot.wa.gov">www.wsdot.wa.gov</a>		
Motor Carrier Services	(360) 704-6340	Log Tolerance Permits; Temporary Additional, Tonnage; Overweight and Oversize Permits; Pilot Car Requirements
Public Transportation Office	(360) 705-7919	Public Transit Systems; Passenger Ground Transportation Grant Programs; Public/Private Passenger Transportation Coordination Issues
Washington State Ferries	1-800-843-3779 (in-state) (206) 464-6400	General State Ferry Information and Scheduling

<b>Secretary of State</b> Telephone Number: (360) 902-4151 Website: <a href="http://www.secstate.wa.gov">www.secstate.wa.gov</a>		
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Corporate Division	(360) 753-7115	Corporation, Trademark, and Limited Partnership Registrations
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<b>Department of Revenue</b> Telephone Number: (800) 647-7706 Website: <a href="http://www.dor.wa.gov">www.dor.wa.gov</a> General Taxpayer Information		
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<b>Washington State Patrol</b> Telephone Number: (360) 753-6540 Website: <a href="http://www.wsp.wa.gov">www.wsp.wa.gov</a>		
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Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	(360) 596-3800	Commercial Vehicle Size and Weight Specifications; Driver and Equipment Safety Requirements; Hazardous Material Regulations; School Bus Safety Requirements and Inspections, Ports of Entry; Highway Scale Houses
Headquarters	(360) 753-6540	General Information and Rules of the Road

<b>LOCAL CITY OR COUNTY JURISDICTIONS</b>		
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Local City or County Jurisdiction		Solid Waste Landfills or Disposal Sites; Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Services; Passenger Transportation Services operating within a city; City or County Transit Authority
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<b>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
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<b>Internal Revenue Service</b> Telephone Number 1-800-829-1040 Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (report)		
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<b>US Department of Transportation</b> Website: <a href="http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov">www.fmcsa.dot.gov</a>		
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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	Washington, D.C. (202) 366-9805 (800) 832-5660	Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Regulations; Applications for Interstate Motor Carrier and Broker (MC#) Operating Authority; Complaints about Interstate Carriers; Federal US DOT Numbers
Local Offices: <b>Washington</b> 711 S. Capitol Way Suite 501 Olympia, WA 98501	Local Offices: <b>Olympia Washington</b> (360) 753-9875 (for Washington and British Columbia based carriers) <b>Oregon</b> (503) 399-5775	